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lege of the City of New York, assisted in the work of the biological survey; likewise carried on studies upon the reactions of *Gonionemus*. (Salaried assistant.)

Edward Mueller, assistant in American Museum of Natural History, New York: Studies of Hydrozoa and sea-anemones.

R. C. Mullenix, graduate student, Harvard University: The caudal spinal nerves of elasmobranchs.

Raymond C. Osburn, Ph.D., teacher of zoology in the New York High School of Commerce: Collecting on behalf of the biological survey; identification of local bryozoa. (Salaried research assistant.)

George H. Parker, Ph.D., professor of zoology, Harvard University: The hearing of the weakfish, *Cynoscion regalis*. (Salaried research assistant.)

Herbert R. Sass, M.A., acting assistant in biology, College of Charleston: Factors influencing the distribution of littoral fauna.

George G. Scott, M.A., instructor in natural history; College of the City of New York: Experiments upon the regeneration of the fins of fishes; experiments upon the physiology of the blood of fishes. (Salaried assistant.)

H. D. Senior, M.B., associate in anatomy, Wistar Institute of Anatomy: The development of the blood vascular system of the teleosts.

Michael X. Sullivan, Ph.D., instructor in physiological chemistry, Brown University: The physiology of the digestive tract of elasmobranchs; the rectal gland of elasmobranchs; experiments to determine the effect of coal-tar contamination upon the health of fishes. (Salaried research assistant.)

Francis B. Sumner, Ph.D., director of the laboratory: Biological survey of local waters; the effects upon fishes of variations in the chemical and osmotic properties of the water.

Millett T. Thompson, Ph.D., assistant professor of zoology, Clark University: The masking habit and the food of the spider crabs.

Lloyd P. Upton, graduate student, Brown University: Physiology of nerve and muscle in the dogfish.

Gilbert van Ingen, Ph.D., assistant professor

of geology, Princeton University: Examination of bottom deposits. (Salaried research assistant.)

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

THE second annual meeting of the American Association of Museums will be held in Pittsburg, June 4-6. The headquarters of the association will be at the Hotel Schenley. The first session will be held in the Carnegie Museum on Tuesday, June 4, at ten o'clock. A preliminary program will be issued about May 20. Titles of papers to be presented before the association should be sent as early as possible to Dr. W. J. Holland, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburg. All those interested in the objects of the association are invited to become members and to be present at the meeting. Fees for dues (two dollars for active members, ten dollars for sustaining members) may be sent direct to the treasurer, Dr. W. P. Wilson, the Philadelphia Museums, Philadelphia.

GEORGE A. DORSEY,
Secretary

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

IN order to bring in closer touch the representative national scientific organizations of the country and the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, and to create a new channel for the diffusion of knowledge, Secretary Charles D. Walcott recently extended to the National Academy of Sciences and to the American Association for the Advancement of Science an invitation to make the Smithsonian Institution their headquarters.

The members of the National Academy of Sciences, Secretary Walcott invited "to deposit their archives, records, etc., in rooms provided for the purpose in the Smithsonian Institution, where the secretary of the academy could have access to them and attend to such business as might be necessary